**Application Instructions for We Care Center Academic Scholarships (2020)**

 The We Care Center in Chapin is accepting scholarship applications. All applicants should be aware of the following:

- Applicants must be a member of a current We Care client household.

- Scholarships are for one academic year. The maximum award will be $1,000.

- Scholarships may be renewed for additional years; however, application must be resubmitted every year and will be considered with all other applications.

- Acceptance *and* enrollment in a post-secondary (post-high school) institution are *both* required before scholarship money will be allocated.

- The scholarship money will be paid directly to your institution.

- Scholarship money can be used *only* for payment of tuition, fees, required equipment and/or books, and must be used within none year.

- Preference will be given to students attending an institution in South Carolina.

- Scholarships are *not* limited to institutions awarding traditional four-year bachelor’s degrees. All post-secondary educational programs will be considered, including two-year associate degree programs.

- Please note that all items described on p. 2 must be placed in a single, large envelope and either hand-delivered *or* mailed to Chapin We Care Center, and must be received no later than ***March 1, 2020***. Late or incomplete applications will *not* be considered; there will be *no* exceptions.

- Each applicant will be interviewed by one or more representatives of We Care before a final decision on his/her application will be made.

- If an applicant is selected to receive a scholarship, that person must complete the FAFSA (*free application for federal student aid*) prior to the transfer of money to the institution. We Care personnel will be available to help with that application if necessary.

- In addition, every person who is awarded a scholarship will be *required* to have a second interview at the end of the scholarship period. The major purpose of that interview is to help We Care assess the effectiveness of this new program.

**To be considered for a scholarship, you must submit *all* of the following in a single envelope/package by March 1, 2020:**

1. Completed and signed application form.

2. Your answers to the application questions should be submitted on a *separate* page(s). Type or write your name and the date in the top right corner of each page.

3. Your official high school transcript (if available), current through December 2019, and showing all previous courses taken as well as those in which you are currently enrolled.

The transcript should be “official”, i.e. it should be delivered in a sealed envelope directly from your guidance department:

* In person: We Care in person at 1800 Chapin Road, Chapin SC 29036

OR

* By mail to PO Box 491, Chapin SC 29036

***NOTE: We receive mail at our post office box ONLY (no street address mail)***

4. At least one written recommendation from someone who knows you well (cannot be a family member).